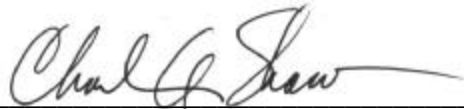


A district court has the power to dismiss an action if “the plaintiff fails to prosecute or to comply with [the Federal Rules] or a court order.” Smith v. Gold Dust Casino, 526 F.3d 402, 404 (8th Cir. 2008). See also Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); Skelton v. Henry, 390 F.3d 614, 619 (8th Cir. 2004). Such a dismissal may be taken on the court’s own motion and may be exercised under the court’s inherent power to control its docket. Id.; Link v. Wabash R.R. Co., 370 U.S. 626, 629-33 (1962); Welsh v. Automatic Poultry Feeder Co., 439 F.2d 95, 96 (8th Cir. 1971). Here, plaintiff ignored the

Court's show cause order, and from all appearances, it would seem she has abandoned prosecution of this case. Therefore, the Court will dismiss plaintiff's cause of action.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above-captioned cause of action is **DISMISSED**, **without prejudice**, for plaintiff's failure to prosecute and to comply with a court order.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles A. Shaw", written in black ink.

CHARLES A. SHAW
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 4th day of February, 2009.